

Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest

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"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"

John 1:12 (NKJV)

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God," Romans 8:16 (NKJV)

"Eboné (Ebony), can God lie?", I asked. I had met Eboné and her fiancée Tim a few minutes before when she asked for prayer for their upcoming marriage. I was handing out Gospel tracts on Canal St. where they had come for the parades. Before praying for their marriage, I had asked them about their righteousness before God. A discussion ensued where the truth regarding sin, righteousness, and the unavoidable judgment of God, were revealed to them from the Bible. They were also reminded of the truth many ignore or deny; righteousness before God is available but not through ourselves. It is available only through the atoning blood of Jesus as we repent and commit to His lordship over our lives; we come to God on His terms or not at all. After our discussion, I prayed with them a prayer of repentance and recommitment for Tim and of salvation for Eboné. Now at the conclusion of our prayer, I had asked Eboné a question that reaches to the core of God's faithfulness. I asked Eboné if God could lie.

"No.", Eboné replied. I continued with further questions. "Did God say those who repent and turn to Him will have their sins blotted out? (Acts 3:19)" "Yes." "Did God say those who confess Jesus as Lord, those who are committed to allowing Him to be in charge of their life, will be saved; that they will be rescued from the certain danger of judgment for their sin and hell? (Romans 10:9-10)" "Yes.", she replied. "Did God say that, "all who call upon the Name of the Lord will be saved? (Romans 10:13)" "Yes." "Eboné, did you repent and ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life?" "I did.", Eboné responded. "Eboné, are you saved?" Everything about Eboné's countenance changed as the Holy Spirit illuminated the truth that was now hers. "Yes!", she proclaimed with a big smile. Tears of joy began to flow from her eyes.

People ask why I go to Mardi Gras. It is a lewd, wicked time that celebrates immorality, excess, and man's (and woman's) defiance of God. Yet this year 37 men came together in the war for souls on the streets of New Orleans. They prayed. They fellowshipped. They drew close to the Lord through personal confession. And they served each other in the unity of one mind and spirit that Christ prayed for as a testimony to the truth of His reason for coming. These men came and prepared for the spiritual war because the Lord called them to this place even as the Lord calls all Christians to proclaim the Gospel wherever we go, wherever we are. We are to go to war but we must always remember, "The battle belongs to the Lord" (Prov 21:31).

It is the Lord who won the battle for Eboné through the conviction of the Holy Spirit. It is the Lord who won the battle in the lives of the seven others who proclaimed Christ as their Lord while we went in His service. It is the Lord who brought conviction as the crowd viewed the crosses, heard the preachers and saw the signs; a conviction responded to

with downcast eyes or curses depending on the heart. And it is the Lord who will bring conviction to the hearts of the men and women who read one of the over 40,000 Gospel tracts that we handed out. And we are not the only group there. There are others who proclaim the message of reconciliation and for that I am thankful. Because Scripture is clear all must hear the message.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Romans 10:14–15 (NKJV)

Please be in prayer for Eboné and Tim and their marriage. Cindy and I sent them a wedding present that we pray will help them cultivate the Godly marriage and household that is desired by the Lord and so needed in our society. Pray as well for the seven others who received the Lord's gift of salvation through our group, those who received the Lord through the proclamation of the Gospel by others who went, those who will read the tracts which contain the convicting power of God's word.

Men. Pray about joining us in Memphis. The mission is the first weekend of May. Most will arrive on Thursday evening, May 3rd and leave Sunday, May 6th. Since Jesus hasn't come back yet, the spiritual war for souls is ongoing. I know the Lord will be in Memphis for the battle. Is He calling you to join Him? If you would like more information, please contact me.

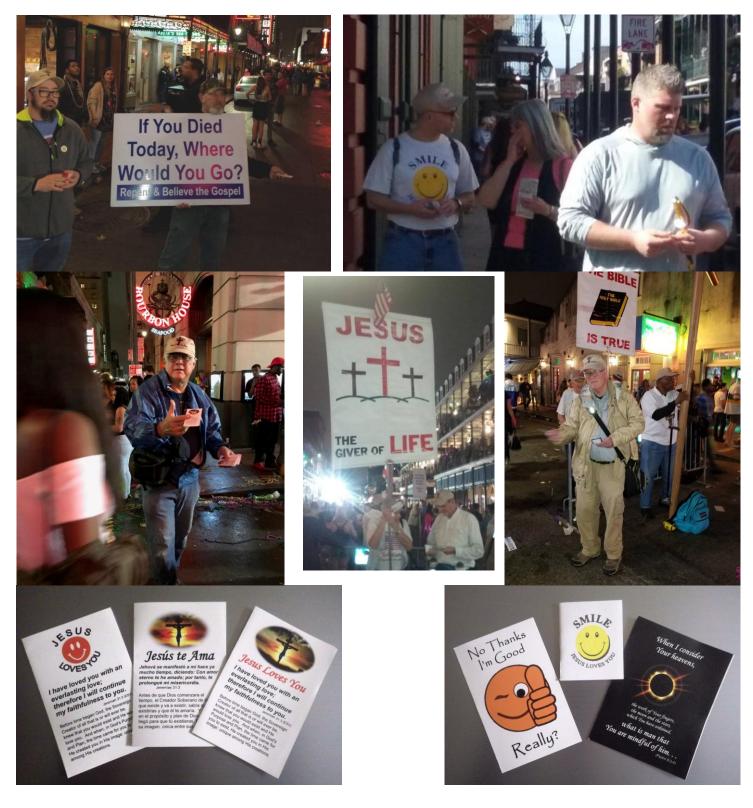
Men and women. If you have an interest in joining us on mission, please contact us. We are always excited to have others join us in proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. And we know that together for Him, we can do more.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr



2018 Mission to Mardi Gras



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